

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Patients' Bill of Rights Act.

House passed H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act.

House passed H.R. 2490, Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and fifteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1372-1382, and S. Res. 141-155.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 142, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business.

S. Res. 143, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 144, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 145, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 146, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 147, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 148, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 149, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S. Res. 150, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 151, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

S. Res. 152, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. Res. 154, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 155, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

Measures Passed:

Congratulating U.S. Women's Soccer Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 141, to congratulate the United

States Women's Soccer Team on winning the 1999 Women's World Cup Championship. Pages S8534-35

Patients' Bill of Rights Act: By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 210), Senate passed S. 1344, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 206), Gregg Amendment No. 1250 (to Amendment No. 1243), to protect patients and accelerate their treatment and care.

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By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 207), Collins Amendment No. 1243 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1232), to expand deductibility of long-term care to individuals; expand direct access to obstetric and gynecological care; provide timely access to specialists; and expand patient access to emergency medical care.

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By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 208), Frist (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 1252 (to Amendment No. 1251), enhancing and augmenting the internal review and external appeal process, covering individuals in approved cancer clinical trials, improving point-of-service coverage, protecting individuals when a plan's coverage is terminated, and prohibiting certain group health plans from discriminating against providers on the basis of license or certification.

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Wyden Amendment No. 1251 (to Amendment No. 1232), to prohibit the imposition of gag rules, improper financial incentives, or inappropriate retaliation for health care providers; to prohibit discrimination against health care professionals, to provide

for point of service coverage, and to provide for the establishment and operation of Health Insurance Ombudsmen.

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Lott Amendment No. 1254 (to Amendment No. 1232), in the nature of a substitute.

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Daschle Amendment No. 1232, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 209), Kerrey Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1251), to provide for a transitional period for certain patients.

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Federal Financial Assistance Programs Improvement: Senate passed S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Highway Traffic Safety Corrections: Senate passed H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

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Communications:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—210)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8697.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 143) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

OFFICIAL DOLLARIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance and the Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in Latin America, receiving testimony from Manuel E. Hinds, San Salvador, El Salvador, former Republic of El Salvador Minister of Finance; Michael Gavin, Warburg Dillon Read, Stamford, Connecticut; and David R. Malpass, Bear, Stearns and Company, Inc., and Liliana Rojas-Suarez, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., both of New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Wednesday, July 14, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 147) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: On Wednesday, July 14, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 149) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Transportation Safety Board, after receiving testimony from James E. Hall, Chairman, Peter Goelz, Managing Director, Daniel Campbell, General Counsel, Craig Keller, Chief Financial Officer, Bernard S. Loeb, Director, Office of Aviation Safety, and Claude Harris, Deputy Director, Office of Highway Safety, all of the National Transportation Safety Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 145) authorizing funds by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ELECTRIC COMPANY COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 161, to provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority, S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier, after receiving testimony from John W. Rowe, Unicom Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Susan F. Clark, Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; John Anderson, Electricity Consumers Resource Council, Washington, D.C.; Billy Jack Gregg, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Charleston, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates; Steven J. Kean, ENRON Corporation, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; Ralph Cavanagh, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco, California; George Fraser, Northern California Power Agency, San Diego, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; and David R. Nevius, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 150) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.

154) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 144) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Wednesday, July 14, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 138) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committees on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 152) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 142) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business;

S. 1156, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies, with amendments;

S. 1346, to ensure the independence and non-partisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, with amendments; and

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res. 151) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 155) authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Y2K PREPAREDNESS

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on state and local government preparedness for the year 2000 computer problem, after receiving testimony from Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information System, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Mike Benzene, State of Missouri, Jefferson City, on behalf of NASIRE; Indiana State Auditor Connie Kay Nass,

and Patrick R. Ralston, Indiana State Emergency Management Agency, both of Indianapolis; Brian O'Neil, City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Suzanne J. Peck, Government of the District of Columbia; Mayor James E. Trobaugh, Kokomo, Indiana, on behalf of the Conference of Mayors; James O'Brien, City of West Hartford, Connecticut; Randy Johnson, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; and Robert D. Browder, Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff, and Miller, Fort Worth, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2527–2541, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 249, 251, were introduced. Pages H5686–87

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 250, providing for consideration of H.R. 434, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the method of payment of taxes on distilled spirits (H. Rept. 106–236). Page H5686

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, July 14, by a yeas and nays vote of 346 yeas to 53 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 297. Page H5580

Religious Liberty Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 1691, to protect religious liberty by a yeas and nays vote of 306 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 299. Pages H5584–H5608

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H5585

Rejected the Nadler amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to permit persons to file claims related to the free exercise of religion except for cases dealing with housing and employment discrimination. For these cases, small landlords, religious institutions and small business owners may file claims, by a yeas and nays vote of 190 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 298. Pages H5596–H5608

H. Res. 245, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote. Pages H5580–84

Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the

United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 210 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 305. Pages H5612–77

Rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H5676

Agreed to:

The Velazquez amendment that provides \$3 million for grants to investigate money laundering and related financial crimes; Pages H5622–25

The Lowey amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that strikes the reference to moral convictions as a basis for objection to provisions regarding contraceptive coverage (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 303); Pages H5655–61

The Smith of New Jersey amendment, as amended, that specifies that no provisions regarding contraceptive coverage will apply to any existing or future plan if the Carrier objects on the basis of religious beliefs; Pages H5641–62

The Maloney of New York amendment that specifies that no funds may be used to enforce any prohibition on women breast-feeding their children in Federal buildings or on Federal property; and Pages H5672–74

The Andrews amendment that prohibits the import of any children's sleepwear without the labels required by the flammability standards issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Pages H5674–75

Rejected:

The DeLauro amendment that sought to strike the section that prohibit funds for abortions or administrative expenses in connection with any FEHB plan

that provides benefits or coverage for abortion (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 301);

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The Sessions amendment that sought to strike the section that increases the annual salary for the President of the United States to \$400,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 82 ayes to 334 noes, Roll No. 302); and

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The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit loans or credit in excess of \$1 billion to a foreign entity or government through the exchange stabilization fund unless approved by Congress (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 304).

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Withdrawn:

The Weldon of Florida amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to have health benefit plans offer enrollees the option to choosing dental, optometry, infertility, or prescription drug benefits in lieu of contraceptive coverage;

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The Andrews amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require that the Secretary of the Treasury release frozen assets of a foreign state to satisfy all pending court judgments;

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The Davis of Illinois amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that requires an annual study on the conduct of strip searches by the U.S. Customs Service that includes data on the ethnicity, gender, nationality, and race of the individuals subject to such searches; and

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The Davis of Illinois amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit strip searches by the Customs Service unless the employee who conducts the search is of the same gender as the individual being searched.

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H. Res. 246, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 276 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 300.

Pages H5608–11

DOD Conference Appointment: The Chair appointed Representatives Thomas, Boehner, and Hoyer as additional conferees from the Committee on House Administration for consideration of section 1303 of the Senate bill, S. 1059, and modifications committed to conference.

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Senate Bill Returned: Pursuant to H. Res. 249, the House agreed to return S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, to the Senate.

Pages H5677–80

American Embassy Security Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 247, the rule providing for consid-

eration of H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000.

Pages H5680–84

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5575.

Referral: S. 604 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5580, H5607, H5608, H5611, H5641–42, H5660–61, H5661, H5675–76, and H5676–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:45 a.m.

Committee Meetings

COUNTY SCHOOLS FUNDING REVITALIZATION ACT; FOREST SERVICE LEGISLATIVE ALTERNATIVE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999; and a legislative alternative submitted to Congress by the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Representatives Deal of Georgia, Boyd, Peterson of Pennsylvania and Turner; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on Innovation and the Future. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAL INFORMATION PROTECTION AND RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2470, Medical Information Protection and Research Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATING DIVERSE POPULATIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education Act—Educating Diverse Populations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 88, to amend the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999, to repeal the requirement regarding data produced under Federal grants and agreements awarded to institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations. Testimony was heard from Representative Holt; Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

CREDIT FOR EARLY ACTION; WIN-WIN OR KYOTO THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Credit for Early Action: Win-Win or Kyoto through the Front Door? Testimony was heard from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1752, amended, Federal Courts Improvement Act; and H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the Shoot Down of the "Brothers to the Rescue" Planes. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Houlihan, Senior Detection Systems Specialist, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—YELLOWFIN TUNA

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Yellowfin Tuna. Testimony was heard from Gary Matlock, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Bruce Freeman, Research Scientist, Division of Marine Fisheries Administra-

tion, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action, amended, the following bills: H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley Heritage Act of 1999; H.R. 1165, Black Canyon National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 1, a structured rule on H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, providing forty-five minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations and forty-five minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on International Relations and Ways and Means and now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 2489. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives

Gilman, Rohrabacher, Ballenger, Crane, Houghton, Collins, Foley, Bachus, Graham, Hayes, Gejdenson, Brown of Ohio, Rangel, Waters, Stenholm, Kaptur, Spratt, Traficant, Olver, Bishop, Jackson of Illinois, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Kucinich, and Shows.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH—CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing on Cooperation, Comity, and Confrontation: Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hoekstra, Burton, Barton of Texas, Young, Hyde, Frank of Massachusetts and Kanjorski.

VETERANS' MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 2116, Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act.

IMPLEMENTING PATIENT ENROLLMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA's experience in implementing patient enrollment under P.L. 104-262. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs, and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Act-

ing Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume oversight hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 253, to provide for the reorganization of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; and review the report by the Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals regarding the Ninth Circuit, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, hearing on Legislating in the Information Age, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will consider Amendment No. 297 (Social Security Lockbox), to S. 557, Budget Process Reform, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 297 to occur at 10:30 a.m.; following which, Senate will begin a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 16

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act (structured rule, 90 minutes of debate).

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